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[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Smallpox at Middlesborough, Ky.—(Continued.)

[NOTE.—On the request of the president and secretary of the State board of health of Kentucky, of the governor of the State, and of the Member of Congress from the district, including Middlesborough, for national aid in suppressing the epidemic of smallpox prevailing in Middlesborough and vicinity, Passed Assistant Surgeon C. P. Wertenbaker, who had been ordered on March 10 to investigate and report on the situation, was directed on March 17 to confer and cooperate with the State authorities by furnishing inspection, vaccination, and disinfection service.]

MIDDLESBOROUGH, KY., *March 24, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report on the operations of the Service at this place:

Upon receipt of your telegram on the afternoon of March 17, 1898, directing me to assume control of the operations of the Service at this point, I held a consultation with the representative here of the State board of health (Dr. Robertson) and outlined a plan of action for the suppression of the epidemic of smallpox here. I employed 5 inspectors and started them at work making a thorough inspection of the city, vaccinating all persons that had not been successfully vaccinated. I also employed 25 guards. Not being able to secure the camp train, it became necessary to look around for some house capable of being used as a hospital. I was fortunate in securing one that was originally built as a boarding house, containing ten rooms upstairs and five large rooms on the first floor. It was occupied at the time as a boarding place, and I had to pay the proprietor \$50 to move out, but as it was the only available place to be found it was considered best to do this. The house is located in the outskirts of the city, about a mile from the center, is isolated and well adapted for the purpose. It had to be completely fitted out, as it contained, after the boarding-house keeper moved out, only a cooking stove and twelve chairs, which I bought of the keeper. By hard labor we got the house fitted up and moved into it 91 persons from the former pesthouse, which was located in a thickly settled part of the city and adjoined the detention camp, and there were no adequate means of keeping the patients and suspects apart. The Service was then organized under six divisions as follows: Headquarters, inspectors, guards, disinfecting division, suspect camp, smallpox hospital.

Smallpox hospital.

The smallpox hospital corps consists of Dr. W. C. Duke in charge, nurses, cooks, attendants, etc. An ambulance has been secured, and is kept near the hospital, and is sent in whenever needed for a patient.

Suspect camp.

The suspect camp consists of a row of wooden houses, 12 in number, adjoining a row of 4 houses that were formerly used as a smallpox hospital. This camp is in charge of Dr. W. N. Shoemaker, and has the usual corps of attendants. At both the smallpox hospital and